

Year 4 Spring Term Update

A Message from the Class Teachers

Year 4 have had a great start to this term and will be covering lots of exciting subjects and topics this Spring.

In the mornings we will be studying Reading, Writing and Mathematics, with plenty of challenging activities to keep the children engaged and enjoying learning. In the afternoon, classes will discover more about the worlds of Science, Geography, Art, Music, Computing and much more.

Homework tasks are planned to support the work done in class. The homework set every Monday morning is as follows:

- Two Mathletics tasks (plus online points to earn).
- Spelling list on Readwriter (also online points to earn).
 - Lexia: Complete the work generated.
 - At least 20 minutes per day reading at home.

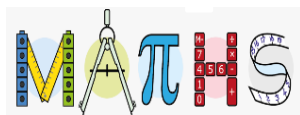
In addition, it would be great if the children could practice their times tables at home for a short period each week.



In English we have been reading a text called '*Kaspar, Prince of Cats*' by Michael Morpurgo the children have thoroughly enjoyed this book so far.

We are currently researching information about the Titanic to plan a persuasive leaflet with the aim of persuading the public to buy tickets to sail the Titanic.

Some of the skills we have been learning and practicing are expanded noun phrases, using persuasive devices and writing using comparative adjectives and superlatives. Soon we are going to learn how to retrieve facts from non-fiction and learn various skills to be able to write a newspaper report.

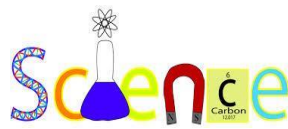


We will be looking in greater depth at multiplication and division, as well as measurements (area), then moving onto fractions and decimals.

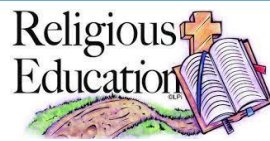
We will be using the correct mathematical vocabulary and learning different strategies to tackle problems in arithmetic sessions.

Times tables are a major focus this term because this knowledge is vital in so many calculations. We will be sending home times tables for the children to write out and speak aloud. While it is not always the goal just to memorise facts in Maths, learning the times tables and being able to recall these facts really helps in mental arithmetic and during times tests.

There is also a [Multiplication Tables Check](#) (please click) that we use to test children on times tables facts where they only have six seconds to answer each question - this is similar to a nationwide test all Year 4 children will be doing later this year. So any practice they can do at home, as well in school, will be a great help.



This term we will be studying States of Matter and investigating how these can change and why. This includes planning investigations that use fair tests to gather data, which we will use to make conclusions. This data will also be used to create graphs and charts to show our results in different ways.



This term we will be learning about Salvation and the events leading up to and after Easter. This will involve bible readings, discussions about Jesus and his followers and the emotions people would have been feeling at the time.



What was daily life like for Romans?

Year 4 will explore one of the most fascinating global empires which continues to intrigue children.



How are Rivers formed?

Year 4 will look at the features of rivers and the role of the Water Cycle in keeping them flowing.



In Music, we are learning about musical notation such as crotchets, quavers, minims and semibreves. The children have created their own music sequences using these music notes and they have performed them to the class. We are going to look more in depth at writing music and then we are going to move onto reading and playing notation on instruments.



The children have really enjoyed their Pop Art project and researching their favourite country or city to turn into a travel poster in this style. This term we will be moving on to look at Roy Lichtenstein's art and using his style to create our own modern day graffiti art.



Having created some brilliant plans, Y4 will be developing their own Maths Games this term, putting into practice the skills they've learned as the year has progressed, before evaluating them. Alongside everything we do, we'll learn and remind ourselves how to stay safe online and around computers.



This term in PSHE we will be thinking about how we can treat others with respect. We will also think about rights and responsibilities, what these mean and why it is important to respect them.

French

In French this term or topic is 'Chez moi', we will be learning how to say where we live and give some details about our homes.



In P.E this term we are looking at Net and Wall games where we are practising mini tennis, we have a court marked out and we are trying to get the ball to bounce firstly in the court to try and win points for our team. In the second half term we will be looking at invasion games where we are trying to invade our partners half and score's points against them.

If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Year 4 team.

Yours sincerely,

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